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Editorial.

THE last University lecture has added still another item to that already very long list of subjects which "should be included in a liberal education." This time it is a comprehensive course in electricity. The habit of adding a subject to this list is now recognized as a characteristic of such as deliver the annual lecture, but is not by any means confined to these, and really one is inclined to wonder where the limits of "a liberal education will finally be set." Is the next generation to spend ten years at college?

NOW that it is all over, it is safe to discuss the occurrence which was the topic for a brief interval in the Faculty of Applied Science a short time ago. This was no less than the impeachment of the student

body for thieving. An absent-minded individual after using a stop-watch in one of the laboratories placed the time-piece in a drawer and straightway forgot that he had done so. The fact did not recur to him for a week, and, in the meantime, great was the ruction created by the loss of the watch. There was diligent enquiry and search, and the conclusion that the watch had been *stolen*. It then appeared that sums of money ranging from two to eight dollars had been *stolen* from the lockers in the dressing-rooms—until the watch disappeared this money had been sought as merely *lost*. Matters had gone so far that action on the part of the student body was demanded to clear off their blotted reputation by the discovery and expulsion of the guilty one. Had the thief really existed, he must have been a marvel in his nefarious line. To get the watch was

simple, but the bagging of the cash necessitated going systematically through all the pockets in at least a hundred lockers several times in a week without being observed by any one in the process. On the recovery of the watch, however, resulting from the jogging of the absent-minded man's memory, the clouds lifted rapidly,

and it is now the opinion of most people that the money was lost by carelessness, and that quite probably beyond the limits of College property. It is to be regretted that such a serious charge was made on such unstable grounds.

NOTICES.

Don't fail to hear Mr. Tory's address on Sunday at 3 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. Subject: "The Christian Idea of Duty." Violin and vocal solos.

No contributions will be accepted unless accompanied by the name of the sender.

Contributions.

THE SCHEMES OF PHILOSOPHERS.

One who has been a student in his day, and is evidently a reader of Byron, has been making a study of—as he says:

"The Schemes
By which perplexed philosophers have sought
To account for all the mystery of Thought."
He has reached the following conclusions:
"To Aristotle we gave little care,
Because, you see, he weighed an empty bladder
And found its weight the same as when of air
'Twas full; such blunders make me sadder
Than when I find that Plato, in a star,
Saw deity; for Aristotle had, er—
To this conclusion drawn: that air has no weight,
Which held the boards till Robert Boyle said
"Stow it!"

"You see when Fire and Water, Earth and Air
Made up all Nature, and themselves were made
(As Platonist philosophers declare)
Of little triangles; these being laid
In pyramid or cubes; it makes one stare
To realize how level-headed, staid
And sober men could calmly follow after
Such nonsense, and not burst themselves with laughter.

"Among the modern wielders of a 'heavy sense,'
Whose natural science isn't all too shaky,
Some hold that mind and matter are in evidence
Too much, to let us doubtful feel, or quaky;
Needs must says Descartes—that there is a

Providence

Or God;—and it is certain no mistake we
Shall make if we conclude that all we know of things
Implies God's interference with this show of things.

"This seems quite satisfactory, I grant,
For, given a God, and all the rest can follow;
Ideals, souls, aspirings—what you want:—
Make mind and matter *one*, and all rings hollow

And this did Descartes' followers down to Kant,
Their reasoning seems to me extremely shallow;
But then, you know, I can't pretend to rank
With Geulincx, Locke, Spinoza and Malebranche.

"Nor was the business very greatly bettered
By Berkeley and Leibnitz, who derive
Matter from mind; from morals free or fettered
By pre-established Harmony, I strive
In vain to catch a hint, my wits are scattered,
No doubt as elemental morals drive
Throughout illimitable space, and fly on
To go in the nebula that's in Orion.

"What can I say of Condillac and Locke
Commensurate with the fearful lapse they made
When leaving mind, marooned upon a rock,
With bold audacity they then essayed
To re-discover Thought; and gave a shock
To every earnest worker at the trade
Of metaphysics, when they claimed to find her
A pauper dragging dead beliefs behind her.

"A vacant page without a word to guide us;
No hint of what is noble, what is mean;
No guess of what hereafter may betide us
When the curtain falls, and Death shall shift the scene,
Then Hume and others pointedly deride us
With demonstration detailed, clear and keen,
That all the boasted virtues we may claim
Are selfishness under another name.

"The argument from *knowledge* naught avails,
So Kant takes *conscience* for a new beginning;
Self-consciousness, it will be seen, entails
The consciousness of God, of Soul, of Sinning;
Again the ship of metaphysics sails
In company with Holy Church, thus winning
A blessing on her voyage, angels beckoning
Till Fichte took the wheel, and lost her reckoning.

"As knowledge first, now conscience is discredited
For which Hume, Smith and Mill see much to blame.
Though Bentham did'nt say what people said he did,
The final consequence was just the same ;
For in the *Quarterly*, by Jeffreys edited,
The writers universally disclaim
Of innate moral sense the smallest fraction ;
Self interest is the motive power of action.

"Spencer's hypothesis is very grand,
But where to find for it effective vogue
In average human lives, we understand,
Is still a problem ; so, with this prologue,

We next proceed to Schopenhauer, and
Von Hartmann, who while drifting by a drogue"
"Of dead convictions, to keep head to gale,"
And steadied by a close-reefed mizzen-sail.

"Conceived a bright idea—'Let her go,'
Said one—'Tis clear the only reason why
We're nervous, anxious, tired and full of woe,
'Is that we're not quite willing yet to die ;
Let's will to die'—and Hartmann said 'just so !'
And both are dead, unless the papers lie ;
As Chimmey Fadden says—'Each is a goner'
Let's hope, at least, they've realized Nervana."

Correspondence.

OUR ATHLETIC CLUBS.

To the Editor of the OUTLOOK:

The OUTLOOK of the 2nd of February contained a letter referring to the petition, praying for an increase in the fee for athletics, which is being circulated among the students. The writer says that before signing the petition there are a few points which should be taken into consideration. He first asks if the students have any guarantee that the extra dollar shall be devoted exclusively to the interest of the athletic clubs. This is precisely what the petition asks for. The fees for athletics, which have heretofore been collected from the students, have been devoted exclusively to athletics, and the extra dollar will certainly be devoted to the same purpose. He then says: "We find that the estimated receipts for the current session from the athletic fees amount to nearly \$1,700, while only the small amount of \$950 is returned to the clubs. The remainder is expended by the Grounds' Committee in keeping the grounds in order and in erecting improvements about the campus, many of them being of a permanent character. In my opinion the students have just grounds for complaining that such a disposal is made of their money..... It seems rather hard that \$820 of the students' money should be paid presumably to the support of an official whose salary would have to be paid whether athletics existed at McGill or not..... There seems little use in giving another dollar...which may be expended in erecting grand-stands, etc." Now, what are the facts? Taking last year's statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Athletic Association, we find that the receipts were: Fees collected from the students, \$1,682; locker fees, \$22.50; and sale of seats, \$362.04, making a total of \$2,066.54. The disbursements were: Grants to the various clubs, \$950, or including an extra grant of \$75 to the Cricket Club, \$1,025; improving cinder tennis

court (which is used exclusively by one of the athletic clubs), \$145; water for dressing-rooms, \$32.67; grand-stand, \$300; wages, \$820.84; and last year's deficit, \$131.81, making a total of \$2,455.35, and leaving a deficit of \$388.81, besides the deficits of the various clubs. From this statement we see that the total fees collected for athletics are devoted to the athletic clubs and *not* to "improvements, which are of little value to the present generation of students." True, a grand-stand was erected last fall, but we must remember that the sale of the seats of that grand-stand more than paid for it, and it was *not* paid for by the athletic fees of the students. The amount paid out in wages, \$820, is not for the support of an official, "whose salary would have to be paid whether athletics existed at McGill or not."

It must be remembered that men have to be employed to keep the cinder track in proper condition, and to keep the football, cricket and tennis grounds in order, and it is only fair that those men who are employed by the athletic clubs be paid from the athletic fees. This is why \$820 is paid out in wages. Every cent of the money paid by the students to the Athletic Fund is devoted exclusively to the maintenance of the athletic clubs. But more money is needed, and every student should sign the petition. We all deem it a privilege to call McGill our *Alma Mater*, and we are all proud of our University. But we should stand by the most important of our student organizations, the athletic clubs, which year after year struggle for the athletic glorification of Old McGill. We have made a simple statement of the facts, hoping thereby to meet the objections of those who refuse to sign the petition. We make a final appeal to the students—as students of McGill—to sign the petition, and thus do what they can to make the athletic clubs what they should be.

C. J. M.



Societies.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of the Society took place on Friday, Feb. 17, at 7.30, in the Library of the Faculty of Comparative Medicine.

Professor Wesley Mills occupied the chair. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and other minor business attended to, the President then called upon Mr. Gellatly for the reading of his essay on "Comprehensibility by the lower animals of man's language." The essayist said that in certain cases there may be a knowledge of the meaning of each individual word used in man's conversation, but, more generally and probably, the animal gathers only the general purport or scope of his remarks. In either case, not only is there a correct interpretation of man's meaning, but the animal acts appropriately upon its interpretation by obeying his commands, complying with his requests, avoiding danger, attending at meals, showing sympathy or fear, or other responsive emotions, supplying his wants, accepting his invitations or promises, adopting his suggestions and so on.

Mr. Gellatly said that all animals, for instance, understand man's various calls to them, and many of them know their own proper names. The military horse knows the significance of the various drum and bugle calls and acts accordingly.

Following the reading of the essay, there was a discussion in which the President took part.

Mr. Humphreys was appointed essayist for the next meeting. There being no further business, an adjournment took place.

APPLIED SCIENCE SOCIETY.

On Monday evening in the Mining Lecture Room the members of the Applied Science Society listened to an interesting paper on "The Eugenheim Smelting Works, Perthamboy, N.J.," which was read by Mr. John W. Bell our lecturer in Metallurgy. The lecture was well illustrated by drawings and lantern slides.

The lecturer explained that the copper and lead containing appreciable quantities of gold and silver came from Mexico and the West in a semi-refined state; and that the refining was completed in New Jersey on account of the comparative scarcity of coal in the former places.

In the case of the copper, the metal, after having been cast into the required moulds, is subjected to an electrolytic process whence commercially pure copper is obtained, the precious metals having to undergo further processes for separation.

The main feature in the refining of the lead is that zinc readily unites with gold and silver. Pieces of zinc are thrown into a mass of molten lead (containing the precious metals) and unite with the gold and silver, which is skimmed from the surface as a slag.

Practically pure lead is left in the furnace. The zinc is then volatilized from the former mixture by the process of cupellation. The gold and silver in the residue are then separated from each other by electrolysis.

Y. M. C. A.

The Annual Meeting held on Saturday, February 18, was a most successful one in every way. The utmost harmony prevailed, and the necessarily large amount of business was pleasantly and ably dispatched.

The several committees presented reports of a most favorably character, showing the high state of efficiency the organization has reached. In nearly all departments, though the advance has not been with leaps and bounds, yet evident progress can be noted.

The Report that seemed to give the members present the greatest satisfaction was that of the Finance Committee, which showed that last year's deficit of \$200 had been wiped out and the present year provided for.

After the election of the new officers, several of the friends and supporters of the Association were called upon to speak, among whom were: Dr. A. Johnson, Mr. D. A. Budge, of the city Y. M. C. A.; Rev. Dr. McVicar, Mr. C. J. Fleet, B.C.L., and Mr. A. L. Mudge.

The speakers paid a high tribute to the perfect organization of the Association, and many words of encouragement were given to the members of the Association.

Dr. Johnson, in speaking, said that, from a University standpoint, he thought that the Y. M. C. A. should be supported because McGill University had the advantage or disadvantage of not being connected with any religious denomination, and that the Association was the only thing connected with it that stands distinctively for Christianity.

He thought that it would be a wise thing to have parents know that such an organization existed in McGill, and that their sons need not be outside religious influence unless they wished it. He believed strongly in getting hold of students before their entrance into College.

A message from Sir J. Wm. Dawson was received during the meeting, in which he expressed his deep interest in the work of the Association.

The following were the officers elected:

Honorary President—Sir J. Wm. Dawson, LL.D.

President—E. C. Woodley, Arts '00.

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MCGILL MEDICAL.

The usual Fortnightly Meeting of the McGill Medical Society was held on Friday evening in the Medical building, President Tooke in the chair, and in every respect was the most successful the Society has thus far undertaken this session. The large lecture theatre was more than usually well filled, evincing the growing interest taken in the Society by the student body. A feature of special gratification was the large attendance on behalf of the men from the Junior Years, the best possible indication for the Society's future and ultimate success.

The papers read were one and all of an exceptionally high literary and scientific order, and would do justice to an essayist with decidedly more extensive experience. Mr. T. G. McNiece, '99, in his paper, "The Etiology of Cholelithiasis," went very carefully into the question of calculus production in the gall bladder, stating the several causes which produced these bodies and the pathological conditions of the containing viscera. Mr. McNiece illustrated his pages with a complete series of calculi demonstrating the several deposits. The paper was listened to throughout with marked attention, and, by the careful and systematic preparation and the pleasant way it was delivered, afforded a great deal of interest as well as benefit to all present.

"Hypnotism as a Remedial Agent," by Mr. J. G.

Brown, B.A., '01, was a subject of decided novelty to the majority of the audience, but on that account was none the less interesting. To the contrary, it was unusually lucid and forcible, the essayist convincing his listeners that the medical practitioner had within his grasp in a very great many nervous disorders a remedial agent which he had never regarded in any serious light. Mr. Brown stated how such a power could be entrusted to physicians to employ in its noblest sense, and cited a number of cases where much good had been done by a resort to this form of treatment.

Mr. A. A. Loeb's paper on "Monstrosities" was a paper of very great value, and gave evidence of wide reading and very careful preparation of a most difficult and to many up to the time an incomprehensible subject. Mr. Loeb as a treatalogist required no introduction to the audience, being the recognized authority on the subject matters among his fellow students. Mr. Loeb's paper was illustrated by a very complete series of lime-light reproductions of human monsters and congenital deformities, to a large degree assisting the essayist to produce a more definite impression upon those present.

At the close of the meeting it was conjointly moved by Dr. Wesley Mills and J. McCombe, '99, seconded by J. W. Woodley, '99, that a very hearty vote of thanks be tendered the essayists, after which the meeting adjourned.

Social.

On Tuesday, February fourteenth, the Donaldas were entertained at a Skating Party and Reception by the members of 1902 Arts. The weather god looked with favour on the McGill Rink and provided a glorious sheet of ice and cold bracing air, helping to make the party the great success it deserved to be. After an hour's skate, to the strains of the latest music, for a hurdy-gurdy had been thoughtfully provided, the guests were entertained at the

McGill Y.M.C.A. parlors, which had been gaily decorated for the occasion. Miss Gairdner and Dr. and Mrs. Colby received the guests. The members of the Donaldas Department extend their thanks to the gentlemen of the First Year for their great kindness in providing such a pleasant entertainment, and congratulate them on the success with which their first reception was carried out.



Class Reports.

DONALDAS.

FOURTH YEAR.

When we were freshmen we astounded the Seniors by our determination to have a Class Lunch. We shocked them by violating all traditions of ancient custom and usage by our further determination to hold it on Ash Wednesday! It was well for us we were so prompt, for when we reached our Sophomore Year it was no longer the fashion at McGill to enjoy yourselves but to slave away in doing your best to please others. However, we forgot the slavery, because to us was accorded the honour of having done the best. Therefore we resolved that during our Senior Year we would live only for each other, and would jealously enjoy among ourselves the wit of '99 and its genius for prompt and successful entertainment. So stealthily and secretly we planned another feast to be held in commemoration of old times, and on the day, sacred to '99, with the result that we can safely say after due inspection of past and present records, that never before in the history of the Donaldas has there existed a Class so closely united together in the bond of friendship and goodfellowship.

It is rather hard when you manage to get to a lecture ten minutes ahead of the professor to hear him say in an injured tone that he hopes next time the lecture can be commenced sharp on time, as at this rate of procedure nothing is accomplished. Why doesn't he scold himself privately, or was the scolding meant for us?

ARTS.

FOURTH YEAR.

At a recent meeting of the Fourth Year, Messrs. Cotton, Goodall and Cumming were appointed a committee to make arrangements in relation to the photos of the Graduating Class.

Mr. Ells was sent as our representative to the Freshmen's skating party, where he spent a very enjoyable time.

Your Reporter would take this opportunity of expressing his satisfaction for the pleasant time he experienced while he enjoyed the hospitality of the students in Law at their Annual Dinner on 13th as representative from Arts.

Quotations generally seem to apply pretty well in our crowd. Some, however, cannot see the point. One or two don't want to. For the benefit of these and those forgotten, the future may hold something in store that they can see through.

THIRD YEAR.

The time of the mixed history lectures is approaching. Last year the sounds during them resembled the noise made by animals being fed at the Zoo and

melodies produced by cats on a fence at 1.40 a.m. and the cheers of an enthusiastic audience at a political meeting. Remember, my children, you are no longer Sophs., and act this year in the noble and stately way which Juniors ought.

If any one has a deadly enemy, he should make an effort to get the Honour English Kazoo Band to play near his house.

In the contest for the Hockey Championship of Arts, the First, Second and Third Years are tied. In spite of the fact that we have never had a practice, we will do our best now that we have another chance.

Critic at the Literary Society—"When you are addressing an audience, look straight at the dullest man in the audience, for when you have convinced him, you have convinced all." And he looked straight at J. K.

First Student—"Why don't you do your examples in Mechanics?"

Second Student—"I have no time to do examples, it's too near the exams."

It is with much pleasure that we congratulate Mr. E. C. Woodley, on being elected President of the McGill Y. M. C. A. From our knowledge of him, we are sure that the office will be well filled.

The critic at the Literary the other night said our President had a face especially convincing to ladies.

FIRST YEAR.

With much difficulty your reporter has secured the following data concerning the Class function in the Y. M. C. A. Most of the men were very diffident about imparting the required information.

A. Mr. Adams.—Black grenadine, pink chiffon insertion.

B. Mr. Boright.—Travelling dress, tie, *à la* Tooke, straw hat.

C. Mr. Carson.—Prince Albert, white wings collar, cashmere socks.

Mr. Conde.—Green pique, blue suspenders, moustache *à la* Li Hung Chang.

E. Mr. Ellison.—Blue crepon, green cuffs, diamonds.

Mr. Eaton.—Puff tie, sunflowers in hair, top boots.

M. Mr. McCallum.—Purple shot silk, Boston garters (Heliotrope), leather belt, Slater rubber soles, pocket handkerchief, facial expression *à la* Beelzebub.

We regret to say that the rest of the Year omitted to send in descriptions, so the list is short.

To our Sophomore friends who were kind enough to be "almost sorry for the Freshmen" in the Inter Year debate, we extend our heart-felt sympathy in the matter of Hockey. The game last Wednesday was a complete Waterloo. Whether it was the superior ability of our seven, or the winning smile of our centre forward, or the special training Andrews

got the night before the match, or the lowering scowl of the Spaniard between the sticks, we do not intend to discuss. The fact remains that 1901, famous for its defeat of 1900, and cheerfully confident of an easy victory over 1902, was on a glutinous, sporadic lead-pipe cinch inscribed in circles. We can't get the Sophs to refer to the game at all. Out of respect for their feelings, we will drop the matter and not even mention the score.

Thursday afternoon is now fully occupied by experimental work in the Physical Laboratory. The motto of the Class is "Percipio meum finem."

SCIENCE.

FOURTH YEAR.

Several have complained of the derth of Fourth Year Reports; the truth is that, with April staring us in the face, no one feels like "crackin" a joke, or otherwise being the author of anything worth reporting. As an instance of how unconscious we all are of events present and future, we might instance V—H—e, who turned up for a lecture at 8-59 a.m. on Ash Wednesday.

Through the kindness of Professor Durley, the Junior and Senior Mechanicals and Electricals had a very pleasant and instructive experience, visiting the Air-Brake car of the G.T.R., which is now stationed at Montreal. A detailed description would be out of place here; but, at any rate, we take this opportunity of thanking Professor Durley and assuring him that his kindness was appreciated.

Mr. Nicholls is unfortunately forced to give up his work for this year. He finds it easier to shake the year than to shake his cough.

Some very interesting investigation work is just now being done in the Mining Laboratories. Mr. Moore and Mr. Kirkpatrick are carrying on an important investigation in the separation of Molybdenum from quartz and mica, and already have obtained good results. Mr. Blaylock and Mr. Yuile are devising a commercial process for the recovery of gold from some of our Quebec alluvial deposits. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Morgan are working on the separation of gold from arsenical pyrites of Isaac's Harbour, N. S. Mr. Preston and Mr. Pitcher are comparing the efficiency of different cool washing processes.

THIRD YEAR.

The Supplemental Examination held last Saturday was not as well attended as it should have been from the standpoint of one in this Faculty who likes to see the ten dollar bills roll into the College treasury.

However, we were satisfied in having only two or three representatives present on the rather gruesome occasion.

The poet of the Second Year, whose "one small head could carry all he knew," is to be congratulated on his literary effort on behalf of Science. We hope

she will retain the high pinnacle she has reached in A. R. A.'s heart, though as yet you must not forget that he has not had a taste of the sweets of "theory."

SECOND YEAR.

Mr. Thos. Schwitzer, who is now in the Montreal General Hospital suffering from pneumonia, is much better this week, and expects to be back again by the beginning of the month.

Everyone is getting down to work in view of the approaching examinations. The reading rooms are now empty during lecture hours, unlike before Xmas.

It appears that we will get more caution money back than was anticipated a month ago. Professor McLeod estimates the losses and breakages of the St. Andrew's to amount to but \$25.00. As this will fall principally upon the Third Year, we will escape with a very small individual loss.

Some better system of distributing the OUTLOOK in Science should be devised. The last couple of weeks the copies of several of those who subscribed were taken presumably by those who have not subscribed. This has been happening all along, and the attention of the business board of the OUTLOOK is called to it.

We are anxiously waiting for another poetical production from the pen of the distinguished member of the Year who wrote the last on "Science." It is seldom nature combines in one personality a great poet and a man of science. Sharpen your pencil and try again.

The Year is waiting for another outburst. Do not let us be disappointed. Even Shakespeare had to make a start once.

FIRST YEAR.

A week ago Friday, with the thermometer registering about 5° below zero, our Hockey Seven met and whitewashed Science '99 by two goals.

Mr. Percy, Science '00, acted as referee to the satisfaction of everybody. The game was conspicuous by the scheme of rooters of the respective teams, the Class Reporters being the only spectators (and that's another).

Our esteemed Captain of the Hockey Team will be missed very much for the rest of the season, as he is about to depart for warmer climes.

A Chemistry Explosion.—The members of the Chemistry Class were greatly surprised to hear the Professor state that he once saw "double" while making a tour through the British Museum. He, however, made haste to assure us that it was quite early in the morning and he had only been gazing through a piece of "iceland spar." *Fruit*:—One can see double in the morning as well as in the night time.

We regret to hear of Mr. G. Cushing's illness, and hope he will be well in time for his Supps. He doesn't.

MEDICINE.

SECOND YEAR.

According to a debate, which took place recently in the serene atmosphere of the dissecting room, between an "amiable" member of the Freshmen Class and some of the Sophomores, we come to the following conclusions:—

I. The Freshmen are not by any means First Year men, because there is no First Year since it is not completed.

II. The Sophomores are not Second Year men, for the Second Year is not finished. Nor yet are they First Year men because the First Year is past (though their conduct alone would be amply sufficient and do away with any such suspicion).

III. This is not the 19th Century, for, since it is not completed, there is no 19th Century till it is complete, and yet it is not the 18th Century, as the latter is long since completed.

IV. Nor is to-day Thursday, as it is not yet 12 p.m., and hence the day is not complete and therefore does not exist.

In the face of the above conclusions we are forced to cry out in bewilderment: "Where are we at?" "Am I here or am I not here?"

The Freshmen can't rightly belong to Medicine as they are not yet First Year men.

If I am asked what day to-day is, I can't say it's Thursday until Thursday exists, nor can I say it's Wednesday, as the latter is completed and done with. Hence, if I wish to write a letter I must head it:

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"Space of time which when completed will be Thursday, Feb. 23rd, 1899."

DEAR LILY:

And so on.

It does seem a pity that the writer of such a witty (?) article as appeared under the heading of First Year Class Report in last addition of OUTLOOK should possess such a deplorable habit of contradicting himself.

He starts out by most heartily ratifying the claims of the First Year to originality (dubbed quaint), and then almost immediately proceeds to relinquish all claims, and such by acknowledging that his Year is capable of being led—"misguided," he says. This we learn from his statements (his propensity for self-contradiction). But were his statements all true? Well—I did not myself happen to be present at the "misguided company" (and note here that he, a member of their Year acknowledges them such), and so lacks the personal knowledge which he "seems" to possess.

I have taken the pains, however, to learn that not more than 4 of the Second Year were present—if that many—and they went merely for the protection of their Juniors, for which the latter do not seem over thankful.

We are thankful for this however: That, according to his statement, the Anatomical Department is going to be well supplied with "gaunt grim skele-

tons" about this time next year, and the then Freshmen will know that they have to thank the members of 1902 for the same.

LAW.

Bu-k had better Skin (er) his (Mac) eye. These three taken together are about the best representatives of the three disgraces that can possibly be imagined or discovered anywhere else on earth. This is specially noticeable when, after a scrimmage, the three emerge from behind the board or from some hole or corner around the class-room or corridor. During the monotony of the interval between lectures, their antics and pranks are more than entertaining.

V-p-d is as braggy as ever; in the words of the schoolboy (which he has made his own) he can lick the whole Faculty with his little finger. A set-to between Mac and our worthy friend would be highly appreciated.

Three practices that have been lately outlawed are: "Sleeping and talking during lectures, and coming in just in time to answer, here, sir."

Will the gentleman who has walked off with Walker on International Law be kind enough to walk back with Mr. Walker immediately. There are other pebbles on the beach waiting for a dip.

The Annual Dinner of the Undergraduates of Law, which came off on Monday evening, the thirteenth, at the Place Viger Hotel, was a complete success, with a few hitches. First of all, the Professors of the Faculty were conspicuous from their absence.

The *menu* was excellent; the toasts and replies were oratorical efforts worthy of the occasion.

Messrs. Barlow and Burke added to the pleasure of the evening by well-rendered and much-appreciated songs.

An appropriate and witty hit was made by little Cam-, who, when our worthy Dean arose to respond to the toast of the Dean and Professors, ejaculated: "the greatest Roman of them all."

During the evening a misfortune happened to one of the guests; but, fortunately, the situation was relieved by Mac, who remarked that "he was no Britisher; he could not say: what we have we hold."

Some very good things were said by Mr. Archibald in proposing the health of the Dean and Professors, and needless to say such good things are always enjoyed.

Professor McGoun carried the house by storm, and brought things to a climax by announcing his intention of giving a students' snowshoe party in the near future.

Taken altogether, the evening was a most enjoyable one, and much credit is due to the committee, which was composed of Messrs Ives, Drolet, Mac-Iver, Archibald and Holden.

COMPARATIVE MEDICINE.

The following resolutions were recently adopted at a meeting of the Brotherhood of Busy Workers :

J. McG.—That Thursday evenings are more profitable playing seven up than at the P. S.

J. W. G.—To remain in his room until someone with passes for two asks him to go to the theatre.

G. K.—That a pedigreed pup should not contract distemper.

C. M. H.—That abdominal section is more successfully performed on the lower animals during full moon.

E. W. H.—That bovines be supplied with microscopes and text books on bacteriology.

G. W. G.—That morphine sulphas may be administered with impunity to equines.

All students will be compelled to write their examinations in French in order to pass the Quebec Board. Another addition to the many exams. 100 per cent. boys.

Next week we propose to publish a special account of the Alumni meeting addresses and an exclusion report of the Graduates' Dinner, which was held in the Windsor Hotel on Saturday last.

There is every hope of the Faculty Club existing again. One evening given up to social intercourse during these hard days of study will no doubt be beneficial to all students concerned and cast away that worn-out look which is so noticeable these times, especially if we have any more of those examinations "Français."

Through the kindness of Dean Mc Eachran, although unable to conduct lectures at the College

owing to knee trouble, he has arranged for the Final Year men to attend grinds at his house on University Street. This is another example of the Dean's interest in the welfare of his students.

OWED TO THE EMPEROR.

[Dedicated to the Second Year].

At the College McGill, in the Chemical Lab.,
Where the Miners were assembled *en masse*,
A dark-gowned figure, with countenance fierce,
Strode majestically into the Class.

"Attention, please, gentlemen," were the first words he spoke
In a tone which made thunder seem weak ;
"Stop work for a moment, and listen to ME;
With my years of experience, I speak."

"Who threw those matches upon the clean floor?
Who dare say he is not guilty of this?
Let him at once make his identity known,
And have his name for honor dismissed.

"Who can truthfully say he has followed MY rule,
And his filtrate carefully tested?
Or who, when a precipitate white has obtained
By HCL, my aid has also enlisted.

"In F—b—g such things were never allowed,
And I wish you to all understand
That they never, no never, will exist at McGill
While I can exert my command."

These words spake the oracle with gestures sublime
And the class in terror did listen,
Dead silence held sway and full many an eye
With teardrops was forced to glisten.



Exchanges.

Professor Edmund J. James, of the University of Chicago, has been offered the presidency of the University of Cincinnati.—*Oberlin Review*.

The dual track and field games between Yale and Harvard will be held at New Haven on May 13th, and the Intercollegiate games in New York on May 27th.

Amherst College has given official notice of her resignation from New England Tri-Collegiate League.

The trustees of Columbia have decided to erect four dormitories at Morningside Heights, the first to begin as soon as the necessary funds are provided by gift or bequest.

As matters stand now, Harvard and Yale are to row at New London, June 29. Cornell is given the invitation to join them. If, as seems probable, she does not accept, the triangular race will not be rowed.—*N. Y. Triangle*.

University of Pennsylvania presents each member of the 'Varsity foot-ball team this year a gold watch charm in the shape of a foot-ball as souvenirs. The Subs receive silver ones.

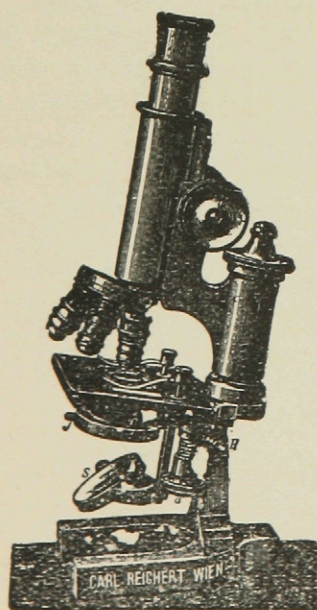
Dartmouth College has the distinction of having issued the first college paper in the United States, and the greater honor in having Daniel Webster as editor-in-chief.

Yale buys annually \$7,000 worth of books for her library. Harvard spends \$18,000 for the same purpose, and Columbia \$43,000.—*BAWDON ORIENT*.

Li Hung Chang graduated at the head of a class of 15,000.

The one per cent. of College graduates in our male population of graduate age is furnishing 36 per cent. of the members of Congress, and has supplied 55 per cent. of the presidents, 54.16 per cent. of the vice-presidents, nearly 55 per cent. of all cabinet officers, nearly 69 per cent. of the justices of the supreme court, and 85 per cent. of the chief justices.—*Bowdoin Orient*.

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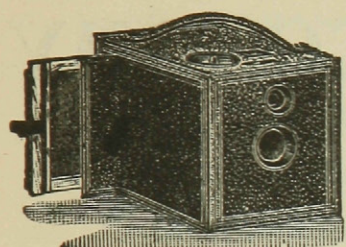
And the questions arises, what should we eat, drink, and avoid, supper being a late refreshment.

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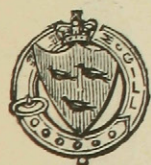
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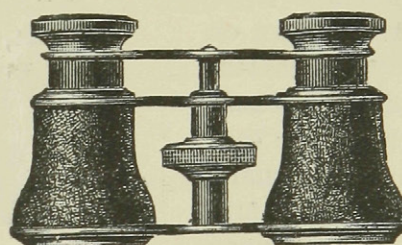
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A man was once suddenly dropped on for an impromptu speech at a literary society. The subject allotted to him was "Resting," and he rolled his facts out as follows: "An Englishman rests in bed, an Irishman gets up to rest. A Hindoo rests anywhere and anyhow. Tommy Atkins always sleeps face downwards. Wise men, resting, lies on their right side, fools on their left, while lawyers lie on both sides. Papuans rest on their haunches, poets on their laurels. Persians go down on their knees to rest. The ancient Picts used to rest standing, because their feet were so large that their centre of gravity could never overhang their base and cause them to fall. When it rained, however, they lay upon their backs, and put up their feet to keep the rain off. There are rests in music—thank Heaven for that! There ought to be more rests in most music. Some people never practice the rests; there's a woman, lives next to us who"—

At this point a voice at the back called out, "S'pose you take a rest yourself, guv'nor;" and the rest of the resting was cut short.

Little Clarence (who reads and ponders): "Pa, is it true, as Shakespeare says, that 'all the world's a stage'?" Mr. Callipers: "It may have been so in Shakespeare's time, but as far back as I can remember it has been more like a court-house; it has been so full of trials."

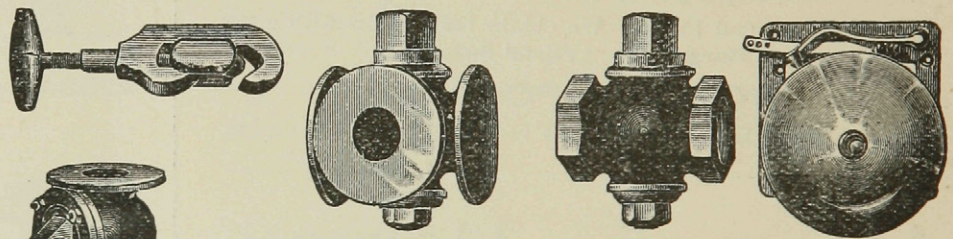
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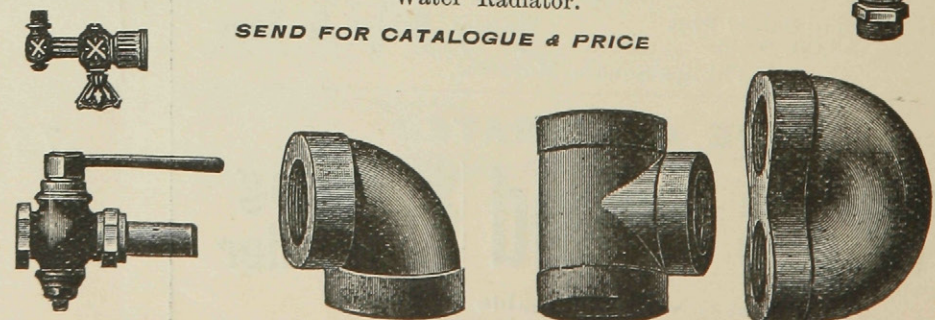
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The Mother—Who was here to-night, dear?

The Daughter—Mr. Huggins, mama. "Did you turn the gas out when he left?"

"No, mama, I turned it out when he came."—(Yonkers Statesman.)

FOUR OF A KIND.

Jack Potts—What will you charge to make a good stout poker trunk?

Trunkmaker—What do you mean by "poker" trunk?

Jack Potts—One that holds four trays.—(Chicago News.)

We affect to despise the cookery of our ancestors, yet the bore's head is quite commonly a feature of the modern dinner-table.

Next to a railroad track, the small boy prefers the unfloored second story of an unfinished house as a playground.

Truth crushed to earth will, if she is wise, sue the bicycle rider for damages.

It is often the man who has the most confidence in his constitution that will soonest run it down.

A high military authority has expressed the opinion that in the next great war the cavalry will go in horseless carriages, and the infantry on bikes, while the artillery will be so heavy that it won't go at all.

The First Woman.—With a husband very much alive in California, don't you think it is a case of false pretences in that rather gay Mrs. Swiftleigh wearing weeds.

The Second Woman.—Why, no! She's a grass widow, you know.

A little boy, who had been asleep only five minutes, but dreamed about five years, was incredulous when he was told how short a time he had slept. He finally remarked: "Well, that may be so, but it's funny how long it takes to sleep five minutes."

Corporal Salvation Army—"Will you come in and join us, my friend?" Weary Walker—"Say, I don't think much of youse people, but I ain't in a position to refuse to drink with any one who asks me. Lead the way, cap!"

"It is indeed hard," said the melancholy gentleman, "to lose one's relatives." "Hard?" snorted the gentleman of wealth—"hard? It is impossible."

She—"How are you getting on with your bicycle, Carptain Vert?" He (a beginner)—"O! splendidly; getting on about every two minutes."

Mamma—"Bobby, I heard you were a very naughty boy to-day. Now, tell me all about it." Bobby (with a sudden access of modesty)—"Teacher says it isn't polite to talk too much about yourself."

Guile—"I wonder why it is that so many men get intoxicated when they get in a tight place, instead of retaining all of their faculties for a supreme effort?" Quay—"Perhaps it is so they will see a greater number of ways out."

Dr. Ende—"There's nothing serious the matter with Patsy, Mrs Mulcahey. I think a little soap and water will do him as much good as anything." Mrs. Mulcahey—"Yis, doother, an' will Oi give it t' him befoor or afther his males?"

"Your life has been one of many reverses," said the kind lady. "Yes'm," answered Dismal Dawson, "'bout every place I turn up, I get turned down."

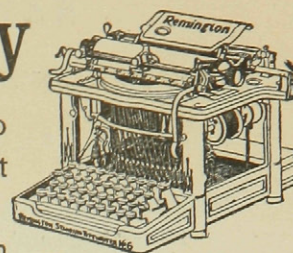
He—"Do you remember when first we met? The dew was on the grass, the air was full of summer scents, and—" She—"Yes; and now there's no summer, no dew, no grass, and no sense. By the way, have you heard of my engagement?"

Prohibitionist—"If you didn't drink, you might be worth five thousand dollars." Arid Atkins—"I know, boss; but wot good would five thousand dollars do me if I didn't drink?"

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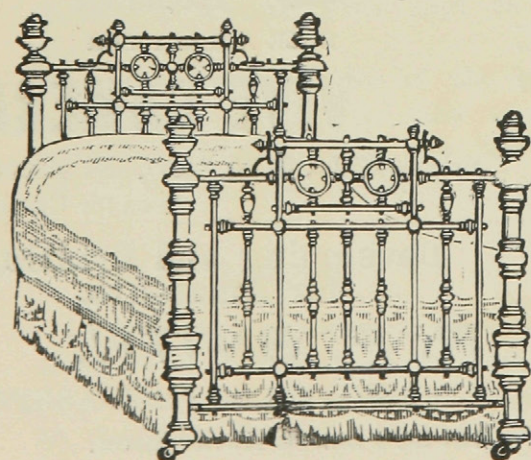
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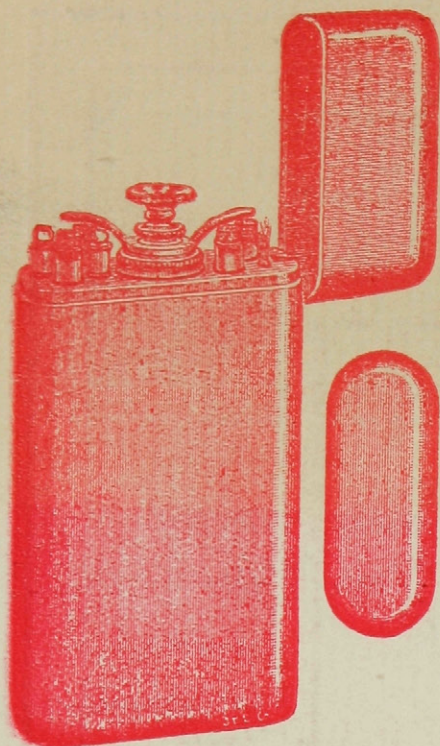
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